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2. Members of the Volkerrat believe that Grotewohl will become president of the new government and Professor Steiniger minister-president, although the positions of the two may be reversed. The new capital is expected to be at Leipzig.

**Comment:** It has been previously conjectured that the seat of the German branch of the Cominform may also be located in Leipzig )

4. Another member of the Volkswart reported on 23 July that the ministries of the new government would be made up largely of elements of the DNK. Although it was rumored that there was no decision as to which state functions would move to Leipzig, it was reasonably certain that the Main Administration of the Interior of DNK from Wilhelmstrasse would become the Ministry of Interior of the new government, with a chief appointed by the SMV. It also appeared fairly certain that the Main Administration for Finance of the DNK would become the

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new government Finance Ministry, with ~~Mayer~~ as the first minister. It was considered probable that the foreign trade Abrechnungskontor (AAK) in Jägerstrasse and the Garantie und Kreditbank would be placed under the new Ministry of Finance. The heads of the ministries would probably be called presidents.

5. The New Ministry of Foreign Affairs, it was thought certain, would be made up of personnel from the Main Administration for Interzonal and Foreign Trade (HVIA) of the DWK. A further likelihood was that the Deutsche Handelsgesellschaft, Linkstrasse 16, founded in July 1948 with a clear import-export monopoly from SMA, would be transformed into the Ministry of Economy. It was not, however, believed that Orlopp, head of HVIA, would become a minister, since he was rumored to be out of favor with Karlshorst, where he was opposed by Colonel Michin and Maletin of the Finance Division of SMA.
6. Members of the DWK believed that Rau would be recalled to take over an important position in the foreign trade field, and SED circles considered it possible that he might become foreign minister. Duhlem is reported to have said that since Rau had been a colonel in the International Brigade he had done more to prove his radicalism and worth than Orlopp.

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(~~Comment~~: Rau was reported in the Berlin papers about 25 July to have resumed his position at the DWK after a vacation at Arendsee.)

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